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# **Brazos Valley Regional Transportation Summit**

April 26, 2002

College Station Hilton Hotel  
and Conference Center

**Hosted By:**

**BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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# Schedule – Brazos Valley Regional Transportation Summit

## 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

### 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (BALLROOM IV)

Moderator: **Lynn McIlhaney**  
Mayor, City of College Station

Speakers:  
*Importance of Regional Transportation Planning*  
**Tom Wilkinson**, Brazos Valley Council of Governments

*Economic Development and Transportation Planning*  
**Billy Hamilton**, State Comptroller's Office

### 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. BREAK (BALLROOM V)

### 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION (BALLROOM IV)

Moderator: **Mitch Morehead**,  
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Bryan

Speakers:  
*Statewide Transportation Plan*  
**Jim Randall**, TxDOT - Transportation Planning and Programming Division

*Brazos County 20-Year Metropolitan Transportation Plan*  
**Michael Parks**, Bryan-College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization

*TxDOT Project Selection and Funds Distribution*  
**Robert Appleton**, TxDOT - Bryan District

### 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. BREAK (BALLROOM V)

### 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. PUBLIC AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION (BALLROOM IV)

Moderator: **Don Strickland**  
Chairman-Elect, Brazos Valley Council of Governments

Speakers:  
*Public and Rail Transportation Needs for the Brazos Valley Region*  
**Katherine Turnbull** and **Steve Roop**, Texas Transportation Institute

*Passenger and High Speed Rail in the Brazos Valley*  
**Tom Till**, Amtrak Reform Council

*Linking the Brazos Valley and the Houston Metropolitan Area*  
**Robert Eckels**, County Judge, Harris County

## 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. LUNCHEON (BALLROOMS I & II)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Mr. Ric Williamson**  
Member, Texas Transportation Commission

Topic: "Trans Texas Corridor" - A Transportation Vision for Texas

### 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. AVIATION (BALLROOM IV)

Moderator: **Winnie Garner**  
City Council Member, Place 3,  
City of College Station

Speakers:  
*Federal Aviation Administration's AIR-21*  
**Mike Nicely**, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region

*Commercial Aviation Needs of the Brazos Valley*  
**John Happ**, Easterwood Airport

### 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. BREAK (BALLROOM V)

### 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. SPECIAL PROJECTS (BALLROOM IV)

Moderator: **Herbert Richardson**  
Director, Texas Transportation Institute

Speakers:  
*Local Street / Rural Road Improvement Needs for the Brazos Valley*  
**William L. Broaddus**, City of Caldwell

*Impacts of TxDOT's Access Management Policy*  
**Frank Glass**, Grimes County

*Safety and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the Brazos Valley*  
**Kevin Balke**, Texas Transportation Institute

### 4:15 – 4:45 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS (BALLROOM IV)

Speakers:

**Carroll G. Robinson**, Houston City Council  
**Lynn McIlhaney**, Mayor, City of College Station